Press release

Wettest autumn since 1852 - more rain to come

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It is already the wettest autumn since 1852, according to figures collected at the Met Office this morning. With more rain to come it could well be the wettest autumn since records began in 1766.

The England and Wales rainfall total so far this autumn is 446 mm. Autumn 1852 was the wettest on record, with rainfall measuring 456 mm.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "The wet autumn has affected most of us in one way or another, so people won't be too surprised by this news. Forecasters at the Met Office are predicting further spells of rain in the next week, so a new autumn rainfall record looks very likely."

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